

# BOARD DEVELOPMENT

*"Empowering Local Leadership for Indiana Soil and Water Conservation"*

**September 9th and 10th, 2011**  
**Big Splash Adventure, French Lick, IN**

## **Accommodations**

Please make your individual hotel reservations directly with Big Splash Adventure (it is not included with the workshop fee.) 20 sleeping rooms are being held for Friday night under the block "SWCD Leadership Institute" (\$89.99/night) through **August 12th** on a 1st come, 1st serve basis. (Please note this special rate doesn't include admission to the water park. A discount water park admission is available for an additional \$11 at the hotel.) Contact information: 8505 West State Road 56, French Lick, Indiana 47432, (877) 936-3866.

## **Itinerary**

### **Friday, September 9th** (all times Eastern)

- 12:30 PM Registration Opens, Port Room, Big Splash Adventure
- 1:00 PM Board Development Workshop Begins
- 4:15 PM Workshop Adjourns
- 4:40 PM Meet at the Indiana Railway Museum for Boarding (8594 W SR 56)
- 5:00 PM Train Departs
- 6:30 PM Supper at the Black Buggy Amish Restaurant & Bakery (8331 W SR 56)

### **Saturday, September 10th**

- 7:30 AM Buffet Breakfast, Boatyard Restaurant, Big Splash Adventure (for paid workshop participants & registered hotel guests)
- 8:00 AM Workshop Reconvenes, Port Room
- 12:00 PM Workshop Ends

*During the workshop, spouses and guests may visit a variety of local attractions.*

## **Local Websites and Information**

- French Lick & West Baden Tourism: <http://www.visitfrenchlickwestbaden.com/>
- French Lick Scenic Railway: <http://www.indianarailwaymuseum.org/>
- Big Splash Adventure: <http://www.bigsplashadventure.com/>
- Black Buggy Amish Restaurant & Bakery: <http://www.blackbuggy.com/index.htm>
- French Lick Casino: <http://frenchlick.com/casino>
- West Baden Springs & French Lick Springs Hotels Tours: <http://www.indianalandmarks.org/tours/WestBadenFrenchLick/Pages/TourInformation.aspx>

***SWCDs: remember to bring a copy of your SWCD business plan! We'll use them during the workshop.***

***Registrations must be received by August 29th, 9AM EST.***

## **For more information:**

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## ***Directions to Big Splash Adventure***

Big Splash Adventure Indoor Water Park & Resort is located along HWY 56 in French Lick. The driveway and sign for Big Splash Adventure is directly across from the Subway restaurant. It is up the steep driveway on top of the hill. Big Splash Adventure is also on the same side of the road as the Dairy Queen. (If you see either of these restaurants you are close.)

*From Indianapolis:* SR-37 South to Paoli, to SR-56 West - 10 miles to French Lick.

*From Louisville:* I-64 West to SR-37 North / IN-145 (Tell City-exit 79), Continue to follow IN-145 North to French Lick.

*From Evansville:* I-64 East to SR 37 North / IN-145 (Tell City-exit 79), Continue to follow IN-145 North to French Lick.

## ***Directions Between Big Splash, Railway, & Black Buggy***

*Directions from Big Splash Adventure to Indiana Railway Museum:*

Exit Big Splash Adventure and turn Left onto HWY 56. At your 1st right, turn Right (Monon St.) Pass the train station on your left (your view may be blocked by the train) and cross the railroad tracks. The first entrance to your left is the overflow parking lot. Turn Left into the parking lot and go all the way down to park. You will see the train station.

*Directions from the Indiana Railway Museum to Black Buggy Amish Restaurant:*

On Hwy 56, turn Left. Go approximately 0.35 miles and turn Right onto Veterans Way. The Black Buggy Parking lot will be on the left. It is inside the French Lick West Baden Indoor Karting building. Enter through the Indoor Karting main doors to get to the restaurant.

## ***About French Lick and West Baden***

These resort communities have been welcoming guests for over 100 years. The area offers unique shopping, historic train rides, an indoor water park, a winery, horseback trail rides, carriage rides, nature trails, dining, scenic drives, and scenic boat cruises. You'll also find the casino at French Lick, a restored historic courthouse, and a variety of historical sites and tours.

The century-old icon hotels, French Lick and West Baden Springs, offer walking tours on a daily basis. Both are listed in the National Register of Historic Places and are located one mile apart. They offer a fascinating window on the grand hotel era of the early twentieth century and the tradition of "taking the waters." Guests from Al Capone to FDR, Bing Crosby to Helen Keller, captains of industry and pampered socialites came to imbibe the waters and take spa treatments, enjoy sports and entertainments, and perhaps test their luck in the casinos. Today, the lavishly restored hotels still draw visitors for the same pursuits.

We hope that you will join us for the workshop, network with other SWCDs, and also enjoy the local attractions.

